

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Formal Matters**

Claims 41-148 are all the claims currently pending in the present Application. Claims 41-142 are subject to a Restriction Requirement. This Restriction Requirement is discussed below. Furthermore, by this Amendment Applicants add new claims 143-148. Applicants believe that support for the newly added claims can be found throughout the specification. Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

New Claims 143-148 have been copied or substantially copied from Claims 14, 26, and 97-105 of U.S. App. No. 11/334,876 (hereinafter “the ‘876 Application”). A Suggestion for Interference under 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(a) was previously filed with respect to the ‘876 Application on June 22, 2007.

### **II. Response to Restriction Requirement**

This responds to the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement, dated June 18, 2008. Applicants have been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner’s Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect **Group III** for examination on which claims 55-84 and 101-142 are readable.

The Examiner has also required for Applicants to elect a Species from within Group III. In response to the Examiner’s Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect **Species III.1.1** for examination, which reads on claims 55-69 and 73. The Examiner has indicated that claim 55 is generic to all claims within Group III.

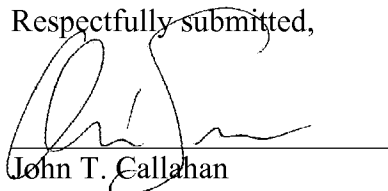
These elections are made without traverse. Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same Application. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected claims.

**III. Conclusion**

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This Amendment is being filed via the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS). Applicants herewith petition the Director of the USPTO to extend the time for reply to the above-identified Office Action for an appropriate length of time if necessary. Any fee due under 37 U.S.C. § 1.17(a) is being paid via the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS). The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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